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THE STOCKINGS WERE HUNG but Carl (Stephen Rolheiser) is not settled down for a long winter's nap, but suffering from a lack of backbone, according to Grandma (Velma Hudson, left) as sister Jill (Stephenie Leaf), Mom (Barb Maile) and brother Michael (Shaun Sheplaw) express their concern.

'Nice Family Christmas' a holiday hoot

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

'A Nice Family Christmas' may be the biggest hit yet for the Elk Point and Regional Allied Arts crew, if the waves of laughter that had the packed crowd almost rolling in the aisles was any indication.

The desperate need to come up with a story about a typical family Christmas, or else, sent young reporter Carl into the bosom of his own dysfunctional family on Christmas Eve, and the notes piled up on his laptop as he found his wisecracking, trendy-dressing Grandma (Velma Hudson) already driving his recently widowed Mom (Barb Maile) around the bend, especially when she finds it may be a prolonged visit.

The tension piles up as first brother Michael, a doctor, arrives without his wife Jill, and reluctantly admits that the two have parted ways. Then sister Stacey arrives, a single mom who tells Grandma that yes, she plans to get married - to another woman - another "well, I never!" moment for Grandma to rant about.

At least their issues take some of the focus off Carl, who is surreptitiously taking notes while fending off questions about his whereabouts of his girlfriend, whose ardor strangely cooled off when she learned his plans for their future boiled down to supper at the Olive Garden and a movie.

And then Uncle Bob (Udo Mueller) arrived, declaring that BYOB spelled Bob, and he'd brought his own refreshments, which in due course, let a lot of old cats out of the bag, so to speak.

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Volunteers honoured at FCSS Christmas Festival

REVIEW STAFF

Two women with a shared interest in history and tourism shared the stage at the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS Seniors Festival in Ashmont on Friday as they accepted the 2017 Volunteer of the Year awards from County of St. Paul Coun. Maxine Fodness, who thanked the recipients for "giving of your time for the betterment of your communities."

Marjorie Scott of Heinsburg and Vicki Brooker of Elk Point, friends since their sons traveled the rodeo circuit together almost 40 years ago, are both heavily involved in the Elk Point

Historical Society, Friends of the Forts and Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization.

Both have also been supporters of the Iron Horse Trail and the Riverland Recreational Trail Society since its very beginning, when their communities were at each end of the first stretch of trail to be designated and developed from the former CN rail bed. Scott was one of the Trail Heroes honoured at Ashmont on Aug. 26 of this year during the celebration marking the completion of The Great Trail (Trans Canada Trail) across the nation.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR Marjorie Scott accepts her award from County of St. Paul Coun. Dale Hedrick, County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS Director Janice Fodchuk and County Coun. Maxine Fodness.

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ANOTHER VOLUNTEER WITH MANY HATS, an extremely surprised Vicki Brooker was also presented with a handsome 'Volunteer of the Year' jacket by Division 5 Coun. Dale Hedrick, FCSS Director Janice Fodchuk and Division 4 Coun. Maxine Fodness.



TAKING CARE OF SENIORS and other Albertans of all ages, the Primary Care Network is a team of doctors and other health care professionals working together as a team. Karen Hudson was on hand to explain the many services offered at our area's healthcare facilities.

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Volunteers

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Scott is an integral part of the Heinsburg Community Club, which helps to make that community earn the title of "the liveliest little ghost town in Alberta" with its busy campground, monthly country music jamborees and other activities, and along with being active in her church, is part of the planning committee of the 2nd Chance Trail Ride, which promotes organ donation and raises funds to help transplant recipients.

Brooker is involved with the Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce, representing that group on several committees, Elk Point Municipal Library Board and Friends of the Library, Elk Point Royal Purple, Elk Point and District Further Education Council and Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch, and says that in some cases, she is "more volun-told than volunteer" but does feel it is very important to work with the community to make Elk Point "The Right Place to Be."

Scott was "Totally surprised and thrilled" to be honoured, and said receiving the award answered a question on her mind ever since FCSS director Janice Fodchuk called to ask why her name wasn't on the list of attendees this year, and when she answered that she felt not coming would give someone else an opportunity, was told, 'You have to come, we need you.'

"I've been wondering why she was so determined that I come? Now I know."

Sharing Friday's honour with Scott, Brooker says, is "Extra special, both because we work together in many capacities, and especially because she wasn't able to be here in Ashmont in August when she and her late husband Roy were honoured as Trail Heroes. If it hadn't been for her and Roy, we might never have talked the County of

St. Paul into getting the Iron Horse Trail developed, and the Trail has helped put both our communities on the map as a major tourist attraction."

The volunteer awards followed a warm welcome to the event by newly elected Division 5 Coun. Dale Hedrick, who said the well-attended annual event "recognizes the contribution of the older adults who shaped our area into what it is today." He acknowledged the sponsorship provided by the Town of St. Paul FCSS and Xtreme Oilfield Technology, and added a special welcome to the agencies and organizations that provided displays of information helpful to seniors.

The seniors had ample time to visit those displays and learn more about the services provided before everyone sat down to a wonderful turkey dinner, prepared by Norm and Carol Bentley, who are soon retiring from their catering career, and who Hedrick said "will be missed very much" as he led a round of applause thanking them for the meal.

A series of door prize draws was barely over when the stage filled to the brim with 43 students from Ashmont Elementary School, who gave the audience another taste of the festive season to come as they started off by singing "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," moved to a slower pace with the thought provoking "Where Are You, Christmas?" and back to the lively tempo with "Jingle Bell Rock" and "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" before they finished their performance with two old favourites, "Up on the Housetop" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

The seniors had the opportunity to fill out a survey regarding their day, and to exchange it for a ticket for one final prize draw, before heading out to board buses and pile into cars for the trip home.

Next year's FCSS Seniors' Festival will be held in Mallaig.



GUARDIANSHIP INFORMATION was on offer, with Teresa Overgaard of the Alberta Office of the Public Guardian on hand to answer questions

ELK POINT AND AREA residents turned out by the busload to enjoy the Seniors' Festival in Ashmont last Friday.



Former mayor still has a busy schedule

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

How do you prepare for retirement after 13 years as Elk Point's mayor and another three on town council?

Parrish Tung says he has "ordered in 20-plus library books," but he hasn't found time to read any of them yet. "I've been refereeing volleyball all over the place and maybe I'll get time to read after the Provincials this weekend in Bonnyville. I've driven so far to ref volleyball since school started that I need my car's oil changed already."

He's been so busy he wasn't even available to drive a senior to an appointment last week, "because a teacher needed a day off and asked me to sub."

An educator for many years, Tung mot only still substitutes in the classroom from time to time, but is also on the Board of Governors at Portage College, helping to make the decisions necessary to keep that

institution turning out skilled post-secondary graduates.

Although he is no longer on council, Tung isn't totally letting go of what he feels was one of his most important achievements as mayor, the acquisition of 24/7 water for the community. "I'm making myself available for advice for the Water Commission. I've been with it from the beginning, and this will help the town, too."

The former mayor still has a busy schedule, but says he is "more relaxed and at peace than I have been in years. As a councillor and mayor, I thought about the town first, 24/7. The first or second council meeting I attended after I was first elected, I asked what it would cost to pave the industrial park and whether we could get 24/7 water. I was told there was not a chance.... And now, I'm quite happy that both of those projects got done."



PARRISH TUNG served as Elk Point's Mayor from 2004 to 2017, after one term as councillor..

F. G. Miller Crusaders surpass 2017 Shoebox target

DENISE BJORKMAN
F. G. Miller High School



CHEERFUL GIVERS from F. G. Miller High School's student body and staff kept adding on to the total even after they posed with this stack of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Photo submitted

The Crusaders have been filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child since 1998. In those 19 years, we have filled 1369 shoeboxes that were delivered to children world wide - from Easter Island to the Ukraine!

Our goal was to fill 31 shoeboxes and WE DID IT - PLUS 12! Forty three more children will be smiling this holiday season thanks to the generosity of Crusader families and community members.

Many thanks to those who helped us reach 1409 children over the past 19 years! This year's boxes were filled by: Nathaniel Cousins, Dakota Havener (2), Colby Havener (2), Lennox and Landon St. Arnault (2), Elaine Bjorkman, Kolbie Poitras, Makenna Rose, Gloria Lecopoy (2), The Capjack Family (2), Kyra Ockerman (2), The Bjorkman Family (3), Cheyanne Lawrence, Savannah Lawrence, Dae Smereka, Vicki Brooker, Landon Malachowski, Brooke Krider, Madison Krider, Stephanie Jacula (2), Shaylynn Klatt, The Boorse Family (2), The Petruk*Family, Mr. Casper (2), Mrs. Bower-Gagne (2), Mrs. Loughran, and The Skarsen Family (3).

Special thanks to the Mrs. Amy Noel and the Elk Point Baptist Church for being our town collection center and for all their help and encouragement with filling shoeboxes! It was great having Mrs. Cribbins, Dallan Pinder and Nolan Koren help out with the counting and packing of the boxes!

Family

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Carl's fingers flew as more and more interesting information was uncovered about his brother's failing marriage and his grandmother's escapades in Florida, some of which may well have been more in her imagination.

Uncle Bob, spurred on by his brown bag's shrinking contents, told of his own family woes, past and present, until mild mannered Mom had a brain-wave - everyone should do a kind deed for someone they cared about, and

she would judge whose deed was best, with the winner to receive a prize.

This set off a series of phone calls, one of which brought Michael's wife Jill (Kiera Burke) back into the family fold, with a new set of information to digest....

And that was before Mom dropped the biggest bombshell of all, at least to that point in the story.

Seats are still available for this Friday and Saturday performances, so make sure you find out how the story ends. Call Don Conrad for tickets at 780-614-0204.



NOW SEE HERE - Mom (Barb Maile) lays down the law to her sons, daughter and daughter in law.

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EDITORIAL

What if black means survival?

Last week saw almost as many arguments against Black Friday shopping on social media as there were advertisments for all the wonderful deals available, with one comment stating that it didn't matter if a person had bought groceries every Friday for the past 40 years, they should not do it THAT Friday in protest against consumerism.

Merriam-Webster defines consumerism as 'the theory that an increasing consumption of goods is economically desirable,' and dictionary.com says it is 'the concept that an ever-expanding consumption of goods is advantageous to the economy.'

If that is true, isn't it a good thing, a trend that will keep businesses open that might otherwise be struggling to survive and might have to lay off employees, who without wages, couldn't shop anywhere?

Isn't that what Black Friday is all about, a way to get businesses back in the black ink on their books rather than drowning in red ink? And how is it different from Boxing Day sales, or any other excuse for a sale that would keep the economy rolling along?

Maybe moving Extravaganza to Dec. 1 was a very wise move, warding off a potential shopping boycott.

RECREATION CORNER

Deck out those businesses - judging Friday!

recreation@elkpoint.ca
Review Contributor

Businesses, get out the garland and lights, we are looking for the Best Dressed Business in Elk Point! To help encourage everyone to get in the holiday spirit, we are giving away two office pizza parties for the best decorated businesses. Here's how your business could win:

1. Decorate your business.
2. Enter by call/text 780-207-5898 or email recreation@elkpoint.ca
3. Judges will stop by this Friday to take pictures and get a good look at the place

The public will vote for their choice of Best Dressed Business on Friday as well, with entry forms available in this issue and at the EcoCentre, with the winner of that vote getting the name of their business on the big challenge plaque, while the names of those people who deposit a vote will go into a draw for a prize.

The Annual Christmas Extravaganza is this Friday. It's an opportunity to get in on some great sales throughout town and shop local. Also see old friends and enjoy the season. RONA will once again having cookie decorating at their store, from 4pm until the cookies run out. Co-op has pictures with Santa from 5-8 p.m. and there will be wagon rides in town. Make sure you make it down for the Winter Wonderland Parade at 6 p.m. following the usual parade routes.

The Rec Department is planning a trip to Jubilations Dinner Theatre in the new year. Details will be coming out shortly, so be sure to check this column next week. Tickets would make for a great stocking stuffer (hint! Hint!). We should have dates and show information in the Review for the next column!



WAY BACK WHEN...

Elk herd arrival, long term care approval, plummeting prices

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 27 IN...

1987

The Elk Point area became home to the first herd of elk in recorded history as Marvin Ference started his Elk Point Game Ranch herd with seven head. The long hoped-for purchase of Dome Petroleum by Amoco Canada would be "a major step in the recovery of the oil and gas industry," Amoco's Sherrold Moore told the chamber of commerce, with 35 new wells to be drilled in the Lindbergh field.

1992

It was "the moment we've been waiting for, for a long, long time," Elk Point Hospital Board chair John Mohyluk said of an announcement by the Hon. Ken Kowalski, Minister of Alberta Public Works and MLA John Drobot that their long term care addition and renovations could go to tender. One of three local briefs presented to the NADC also dealt with the addition, with others dealing with doctor recruitment and the effectiveness of the Lakeland Tourist Association.

1997

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce named E-Can Oilfield Services their Business of the Year, noting that it is one of Elk Point's own success stories, growing from a very small operation in the early 1980s to well over 100 trucks, here and in other areas of the province. RCMP targeted culprits who stole traffic signs, with zero tolerance for theft or defacing of the signs, due to the potential risk for increased accidents where signs are missing or unreadable.

2002

Charges were laid after a fatal oil tanker rollover near Whitney Lake that occurred when the truck driver swerved to avoid a vehicle that turned wide coming

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out of a side road. The A. G. Ross Arena Operating Committee brought Elk Point Chamber of Commerce the exciting news that the AOC would host a trade show in April 2003.

2007

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce took the next step toward making their planned eco centre a reality, as they formed a building committee whose first job would be to determine the method of construction. Representatives of the County of St. Paul met with Agriculture and Food Minister George Groenvelt to relay local concerns regarding the crisis in the live-stock industry, where plummeting prices left some producers with no option but to sell their herds because they could not afford to feed them.

2012

A project aimed at creating sustainable, responsive alternative transportation for seniors in rural Alberta "is not going to work for us," agreed three volunteer drivers who routinely transport seniors to medical appointments in Edmonton and other communities.



ELK POINT ELEMENTARY students Nicholas Jess and Tyson Gadwa help pack up 82 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes packed with toys, school supplies, personal items and good wishes for youngsters in less fortunate countries.

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PEEWEE TIER 1 AVALANCHE celebrated their 'A' Event victory in Marwayne, going undefeated all weekend and defeating the host team 7-0 in the final.

Photo submitted



ON THE MARK - A Lloydminster Canadian Tire Blazer slips the puck right under Atom Avalanche goalie 'Good Time Charlie' Lesyk, after getting by Spencer 'Goldie Locks' Malachowski (right), despite their best efforts.

Atom Avalanche host first 2017-18 tourney

Welcome to our house! The big blue house on top of the hill was buzzing with hockey action this past weekend when the Atom Avalanche hosted a six-team, two-full-day tournament. It was the first of its kind to be held here this year!

Cheers for volunteers

It takes a lot of volunteers to pull a tournament off this huge, and a tip of the hat goes to all the parents in charge of organizing the big show, along with the time keepers, concession workers, raffle sales etc. The coaches deserve a lot of credit too, for teaching this young group skills and sportsmanship. Head coach is Jacques deMossiac, his assistants are Dennell Anderson, Conrad Pierce, Willie Lesyk and team manager Melinda Henderson.

And although our team only won one game out of three, they played suburb defensively in all of them and had great goaltending between the pipes every game by 'Good Time Charlie' Lesyk.

Scoring goals in the first two games

was a bit of a struggle, although you couldn't say that in their last game against Lloydminster, the Avalanche winning 8 to 0 in that one. 'Cyclone Cole' Pierce with two goals and three assists. Two goals for #4, Brayden 'Pinball' Pinette, and he added an assist. Charlotte 'Web' Henderson, Eveett 'Snoopy' Smereka, Kaysen 'Dynamite'

deMossiac with one goal each. 'Stellar Ella' Ballas one goal and two assists was the MVP of the game. Timmy 'the Freight Train' Cardinal with an assist. The game #1 MVP, Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans, also Anderson with an assist. Rugged defense woman Spencer 'Goldie Locks' Malachowski winning the game MVP in the second game. Terrific two way play by the ever-ready bunny Braylee 'Little Willy' Lesyk and Anna 'the Banana' Henderson who is never been intimidated by anyone.

Peeewe's win 'A' in Marwayne Meanwhile, over in Marwayne this past weekend in their annual pee-

wee tournament, our Peeewe Tier 1 team cleaned up, winning the A event, winning 9 to 0 over Lloydminster on Friday night, 13 to 1 over Bonnyville on Saturday, 8 to 0 over Edmonton on Saturday afternoon and 7 to 0 over the host Marwayne in the A final. King Kong Konnor, 'Mick Jager' Fonatine and Cash 'Paycheque' Capjack leading the pack with multi goals each, everyone else on the team getting in on the action. Rylee 'the Rocket' Warawa, Vaughn 'the Vulture' Ockerman, Nicholas 'the Saint' Penner, Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal, Landon 'Magnificent' Malchowski, Ceajay 'Greasy' Quinney and Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron with a few each. Not scoring any goals or getting any glory, the big stay at home defenseman Josef 'Big Red' Theriault was still a key player in the wins, protecting his tall lanky goalie, Vanden 'Super Mario' Morozziuk who allowed only one goal in four games. Quite a feat to say the least, I know a few NHL teams that could use a guy like him!

Peeewe Tier 3

The Peeewe Tier 3 team traveled to Wainwright with a short bench, missing two of their strong D-men, losing this one 5 to 2. 'Top Gunner' Crawford and Seth 'Motorman' Morton scoring for the Avalanche, 'Bazooka Joe' Cardinal named the Inspirational Player of the Game by the coaching staff.

Friday night all right

It seems very rare for the novice team to play on a Friday night, but Friday was all right for the Novice Avalanche when they traveled over to St. Paul, winning a tight barnburner 6 to 5. Wyatt 'Earp' Fontaine and Miles 'the Millionaire' Koren with a hat trick each, two assists for Remington 'Steel' Reynolds, birth-

day boy David 'Crockett' Cardinal, 'Boe Dog' Johnson and 'Notorious Nolan' Ballas all with an assist each.

Bantam Avalanche win over Bonnyville

The Bantam Avalanche traveled to Bonnyville on Saturday night, winning 5 to 2. Even though they only have 10 skaters and a goalie in the line up, they are all very talented and have yet to lose a game playing in the top Tier 1. 'Cowboy Dallas' Bristow was right on target, sharp shooting with four goals, big power forward 'Danny Boy' Cardinal with one. Set up man 'Lightning Liam' Ludlage with five assists, his right hand man Jaden 'Jet Stream' Van Maarion with three assists. The D-men, Evan 'Bat Man' Ockerman, Jace 'the Stafford Streak' and Charlie 'Chuckles' Rogal with one assist each. Goalie 'Sexy Slader' Hardcastle was very focused and handled some tough shots with ease.

Still Storming

Over in Ardrossan, the Bantam Storm girls playing with the Vermilion Tigers won 5 to 3 on Saturday. Sydnee 'the Kid' Crawford and Laramee 'Louis' Parr each scoring. And down in Vermilion, at their female midget tournament, the just recently signed ex-Storm goalie Heaven 'the Brick House' Colbourne was playing net for with the Lakeland Jaguars midget female team and won the silver medal. The 'Brick House' was also the heart and hustle award winner in the final game.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "They always try to play with our minds. But that won't work with our club. We've got twenty guys without brains." - Bobby Clarke

Request deadline Dec. 13 for Santas Anonymous

VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

The big red boxes at numerous locations in town are beginning to fill up with donations for this year's Santas Anonymous campaign, spearheaded for yet another year by the Elk Point Community Lions, who anticipate another record year of requests for assistance for families who need a little help to be able to provide food and gifts for their families this Christmas.

The Community Lions have set **Wednesday, Dec. 13** as the deadline for requests this year, with applications being accepted by Terry Shankowski at the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS office in the EcoCentre at the end of Main Street or by phone at 780-724-3800.

Along with depositing gifts in the collection boxes, the community has two other ways to support their endeavours. One is through the donations you make when putting your family's or business' name on the annual Lions Christmas Card at the Cornerstone Co-op during Extravaganza this Friday, and the second through the purchase of pre-packaged bags of groceries at the Co-op on Tuesday, Dec. 5 to be loaded on the Christmas Convoy for transport to the Elk Point Further Education building, where crews of eager elves will wrap gifts and assemble the lineup of food and gift hampers.

The hampers are scheduled for delivery on Saturday, Dec. 16.

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While the shoppers enjoy the many specials offered, the youngsters can try their hand at decorating cookies at RONA, with the cookies and trimmings supplied by Golden Loaf Bakery. Santa will be waiting to visit with them from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Cornerstone Co-op, with Brooke

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The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS is serving hot chocolate and coffee at the Eco Centre at the end of Main Street, and will also have some freshly made cotton candy for the youngsters. While you’re there, make sure to vote for the Best Dressed Business – the winner will have their business name engraved on the challenge plaque, and you could win a prize as well.

One of the highlights of the evening is the Winter Wonderland Parade with its lighted floats, which will start on its way up Main Street at 6 p.m. and will also make its way past the seniors’ homes for their enjoyment.

Shopping specials continue into the evening, with most businesses open until at least 8:30 p.m. for your convenience.

Due to costly repairs needed after a flood at the EcoCentre, there will not be fireworks this year, but there is an action-packed alternative up at the A. G. Ross Arena, where the Elk Point Elks will take on the Two Hills Longhorns at 8:30 p.m.

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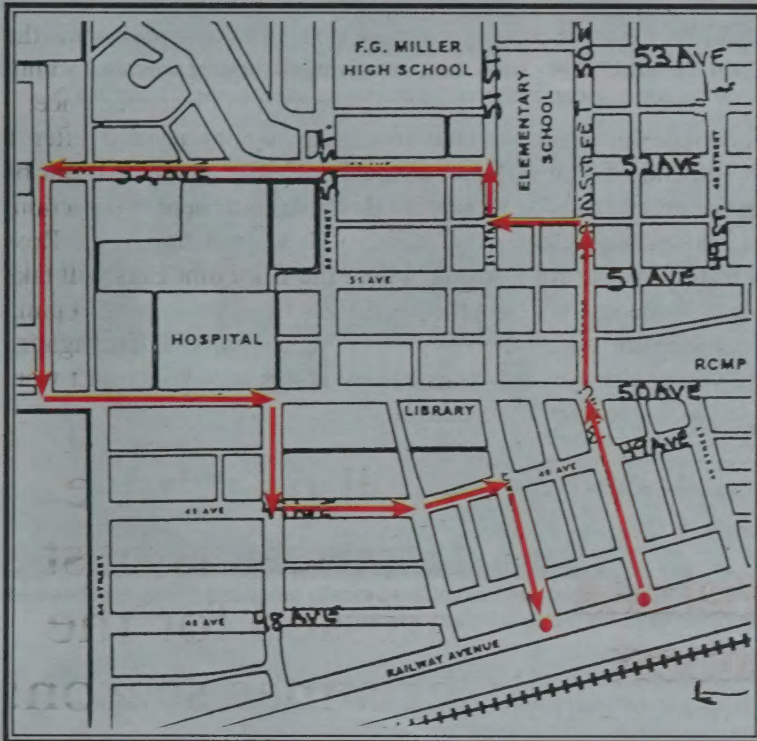
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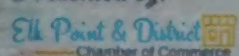
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FROM TREE TO TREASURE - Albin Leaf offered a wide range of diamond willow walking sticks and decorative items at his booth, with youngest daughter Olivia Rose, still bubbling with excitement about her humanitarian trip to Mexico with Brett Kissel and Brett Wilson, on hand to help her dad. Daughter Seanna was at the booth next door with her great photography.

What's happening in December? Clip and save this calendar for easy reference!

Happy Holidays!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 2017 Events Calendar 					Christmas Extravaganza - Downtown Elk Point - 4 - 8:30 p.m. Elks Hockey vs Two Hills Longhorns 8:30 p.m. A. G. Ross Arena	
Christmas Presentation Elk Point Baptist Church - 10 a.m. 3	 4	Christmas Convoy Supporting Santas Anonymous Cornerstone Co-op, 2 - 6 p.m. 5	Chamber of Commerce Meeting Empress Banquet Room, 12 Noon 6	 7	Elks Hockey vs Kitscoty Monarchs 8:30 p.m. A. G. Ross Arena 8	Big Buck Contest Elk Point Curling Club Doors open 11 a.m. Elks Hockey vs Maidstone Jets 8:30 p.m. A. G. Ross Arena 9
Seniors' Christmas Dinner - Seniors' Recreation Centre, 1 p.m. Multi Faith Cantata - St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 7 p.m. 10	 11	 12	Library Tea Elk Point Municipal Library, 2 p.m. 13	 14	Elk Point Community Choir Christmas Concert - 7 p.m., Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre 15	 16
 17	 18	 19	Elk Point Elementary Concert - 1 p.m. Heinsburg School Concert - 1 p.m. 20	Elk Point Elementary Concert - 1 p.m. 21	F. G. Miller Students Christmas Brunch 22	Ferguson Flats Community Christmas Potluck - 5 p.m. 23
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services - St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 9 p.m. - Christian Community Church, 10 a.m. 24/31	 Christmas Day 	Boxing Day Kwanzaa Begins 	 27	 28	 29	 30

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St. Paul groups support 2nd Chance endeavours

CLARE GAUVREAU
Review Staff

The 2nd Chance Trail Ride was on the receiving end of two donations recently to assist the local association with its ongoing campaign to raise awareness about the benefits of organ and tissue donation and provide support to transplant patients.

President Morris Irvine and vice-president Tom Matthews stopped by the Journal last Tuesday for a presentation of \$5,000 from the St. Paul Elks, money the men agree is essential to the organization in achieving its goal of focusing attention on the importance of organ donation and supporting those undergoing organ transplant. Both men are double-lung transplant recipients and are using their second chance at life to assist other going through the same thing.

The St. Paul Healthcare Auxiliary also recently presented the group with a \$1,000 cheque.

"Every day, I get up and I thank my donor," Irvine said. He received the life-saving lung transplant on March 13, 2011 – an event that literally gave him a new lease on life.

Matthews underwent a double lung transplant in 2009, and since that time has worked tirelessly to assist others in receiving the same gift. Both he and

Irvine have shared their personal stories and the work of 2nd Chance Trail Ride to audiences large and small in hopes of inspiring others.

"We support families going through the transplant journey," Matthews said of how the funds donated to the group are used.

Formed six years ago, with the five founding members all being double lung transplant recipients, the group hosts an annual one-day trail ride between Lindbergh and Elk Point followed by a supper, live and silent auction and dance. The event, to be held May 12 in 2018, is the key fundraiser for the group whose activities include subsidizing part of the cost of transplant patients' accommodation in Edmonton.

So far, this year, 45 families have received donations from the group of \$1,000 each to assist with living expenses while away from home. Gift cards for \$100 to assist with things such as hospital parking are also provided. They have also donated to Valour Place, which serves as a temporary home for Canadian Forces members, RCMP, veterans and first responders who require come to Edmonton for medical treatment.

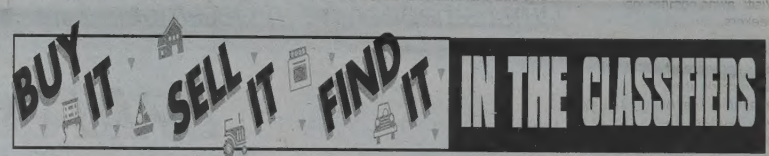
Anyone wanting more information about 2nd Chance Trail Ride is encouraged to contact Irvine at 780-724-4027 or Matthews at 780-614-5955.



FUNDING SUPPORT - The St. Paul Elks donated \$5,000 of the proceeds from the Elks Radio Auction to the 2nd Chance Trail Ride organization last week. Pictured (left to right) are: Elks Jim Turton and Ernie Formanek, Morris Irvine and Tom Matthews of 2nd Chance Trail Ride, and Elk Len Kryzanowski.



AUXILIARY DONATION - On behalf of the St. Paul Healthcare Auxiliary, Shirley Onciul (third from left) presented 2nd Chance Trail Ride organization members Tom Matthews, Fay Irvine and Morris Irvine with a cheque for \$1,000 to support the group's work which shines a light on organ donation.



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JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

It was a tough contest on both the boys' and girls' sides of this year's junior St. Paul Athletic Association volleyball championship tournament, Nov. 20, but in the end, the Racette Raiders would steal both banners away from their hungry counterparts.

On the boys' side, Racette would meet up with Elk Point's F.G. Miller for the final game of the tournament. And while the game was decided in two sets, it was a tight race to the finish, regardless.

The first set finished 25-20, for the Raiders, and in the second set, St. Paul saw themselves fall behind. But, they managed to mount a comeback and win the set 25-23.

Overall, the season went well for the Racette boys, according to assistant coach Kylie Field. With only nine players on the team, the Raiders were a smaller than usual crew, lead by head coach Aaron Christensen.

Field noted that the boys knew they would likely meet up with F.G. Miller in the final game of the tournament, and had lost to the Elk Point team previously during regular league play.

"We were expecting to meet them in the finals, and excited to take them on again," said Field. She noted that although the game ended in Racette's favour, it truly could have gone either way, and gave credit to the Crusaders. "They had a strong team this year."

On the girls' side, it would be

Racette facing off against the Mallaig Stingers, Monday night. And, it would take three sets to determine the winner.

Racette grabbed the first set by a score of 25-21; and the Stingers managed to steal the second set by the same score. It was all or nothing in the third set, with the Raiders coming out on top, 15-10.

Overall, the girls had a strong season, according to Tanya Hebert, who coached the team, along with her husband Rod. The girls went to a tournament in Edmonton during the first week of school and finished fourth; then, they went to Lloydminster where they finished second after competing against a strong team from North Battleford.

Then, the girls travelled to Lac La Biche where they competed in a Grade 9/10 tournament and won.

"We had a really good season," said Tanya, adding, the girls developed well throughout the season, and despite fighting some nerves at the SPAA championship tournament, they managed to grab the banner.

In the semi-finals, Racette would compete against Glen Avon, and that game would take three sets to determine a winner. Then, with the final also going to three sets, it spoke to the athleticism and leadership within the SPAA volleyball program.

"Mallaig and G.A. have some really strong athletes, and good coaching," said Tanya.

Zones

After strong showings throughout the regular season, a number of local teams took part in the northeast zone championship tournament, Nov. 17-18.

This was the third year in a row that both St. Paul Regional High School teams win the 3A NEASAA championship, and it is also the fourth year in a row that the girls have won the zone banner, according to Hank Smid, coach of the girls' team.

"The boys went undefeated through round robin and the play-offs," said Smid. And while the girls ended up in third place in their pool, the team went undefeated in all its matches on Saturday.

Both teams played in Fort McMurray and went on to represent St. Paul at provincials, held in Sylvan Lake and Strathmore.

The FG Miller boys also took part in 2A zones, coming home with silver medals around their necks. Ashmont School also took part in 2A zones on the boys' side.

On the 1A side, Mallaig and Glendon girls took part in zones, with Mallaig coming in fourth. The Glendon girls were unable to make the playoff round.

For the 1A boys, local teams at zones included Two Hills and Glendon.

The Glendon team was made up of up Glendon and Mallaig school athletes, and finished in second place at zones, and beat Two Hills in the semi-final at the tournament. The team travelled to Eckville to compete at provincials.

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3. Print Entrant's first name and age under the picture and fill out the entry form.
4. Deliver the completed picture and form to the Elk Point Review office at 5022 - 49 Ave. (behind Elk Point Pharmacy) between 9 a.m. and noon or 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or mail to the Review at Box 309, Elk Point, AB T0A 1A0.
5. **Entry deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 14.**
6. One entry will be drawn at random from entries in each age group.
7. Pictures will be displayed in the Elk Point Review lobby through the Christmas season.

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Artist: _____ Age: _____

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Name _____ AGE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

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